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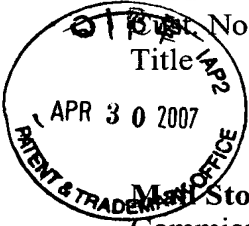
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment, which is responsive to the Final Office Action, mailed March 30, 2006, and the Notice of Appeal filed September 29, 2006, is filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-captioned application. Entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested. An Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this preliminary amendment and RCE.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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